



**Leasure-Blackston American Legion 239
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BUCKEYE BOYS AND GIRLS STATE PROGRAM 2027

The Worthington Post of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, Leasure-Blackstone Post 239 is pleased to announce they will be hosting students in 2027 for the annual Buckeye Girls State and Boys State Programs. These programs will bring more than 600 high school students and staff members together for a weeklong residential experience designed to immerse students in the foundational elements of city, county, and state government.

The annual event was created as a landscape for a nonpartisan approach in addressing the needs of “rising Ohio high school seniors” on their privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship and government.

Student participants (rising seniors) will become delegates and attend government workshops. Students will learn how to become America’s next voice in democracy through educational strategies, such as campaigning, debating, voting and legislative sessions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

Buckeye Girls State 2027 will be held June 6–12, 2027, at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, with virtual orientations announced in February 2027

Buckeye Boys State 2027 will be held June 13 – 20, 2027 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Orientation will be TBA.

Buckeye Boys and Girls State delegates (current juniors) are selected and sponsored for attendance by local American Legion Posts across Ohio based on their leadership qualities, academic achievements and interest in government and current events. Further information about the programs can be found at these links:

Boys State: <https://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com>

Girls State: <https://alaohio.org/buckeye-girls-state>

Public, Private, Charter, Parochial and Home-schooled students are welcome to apply!

If you are ready to take your education to the next level and become a future change agent, please contact our coordinator below to receive further information and application processes. Applications must be submitted prior to 15 Feb 2027

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